

## Green Team (GT) Notes from November 18, 2010--Thanks everyone.

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- DEP's Green Lodging Program - Kim Trella gave a presentation on the P2 Office outreach to this business sector, which includes a series of training workshops. The presentation is available at [http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/p2/business\\_industry/hospitality/training-fall2010/dep-toxicusereductionforhotels.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/p2/business_industry/hospitality/training-fall2010/dep-toxicusereductionforhotels.pdf)

For those of you who missed Kim's presentation, the Green Lodging Program is a self-certification program based on accumulating points associated with environmental practices at your facility. The points are recorded in the Connecticut Green Lodging Self-Certification Workbook, available at [http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/p2/business\\_industry/hospitality/green\\_lodging\\_self-certification\\_workbook-march2010.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/p2/business_industry/hospitality/green_lodging_self-certification_workbook-march2010.pdf). The Green Lodging workbook can also provide useful ideas to "green" other types of businesses and facilities, so Green Team members are encouraged to look it over and apply it as appropriate.

- Greening DEP Holiday Parties and Other Events – The GT reviewed the Party Planning Guide, available at [http://www.ct.gov/insidedep/lib/insidedep/recycle/party\\_planning\\_guide\\_2009.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/insidedep/lib/insidedep/recycle/party_planning_guide_2009.pdf). Some edits were suggested to the guide and the signs. These will be made and sets of laminated signs and the Guide will be distributed to the floor party contact(s) on each floor. Other reminders about going waste-free for the holidays will be created including: a poster in the display case and an announcement on Inside DEP reminding everyone about these materials that will link to the GT website.

Other activities related to the topic of green or waste-free events were discussed:

1. Holding the plate sale again, but adding utensils so that people start using real metal ones that they can wash and reuse along with their plate and mug. It was suggested that collecting plastic utensils in a bucket and washing them may not be all that sanitary. For those who continue to use plastic utensils, it was suggested that they be encouraged to wash their own and same for their own personal reuse.
  2. Develop a separate document for other types of parties, like showers, retirements, and such with a committee of party planners and Green Team members.
- DEP outreach activities and other announcements
    1. Sherill noted that the October minutes had an item about recycling/greening of Rest Stops on CT Highways and that this is already underway. DOT has awarded a new contract and many changes will take place at full service centers over the next few years.
    2. Susan A. reported that the Air Bureau will be putting on training for GHG emissions regulations. These are new regulations and this is something the GT should hear more about at a future meeting. She also recently viewed the DAS website video "How to Apply for a State Job" and said it could be a useful training format for DEP to use rather than holding live training sessions. She encouraged the GT to take a look at it.